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### ■ From the Department Head's Desk

Greetings and best wishes for a prosperous New Year! I would like to take this opportunity to share with you recent happenings in the department and relate my impression of "how things are going". I can hardly believe that nine months have passed since I moved into C203 Animal Sciences June 1. I am happy to say that I feel "at home" in my new position, but I realize there is still much to learn and many people to meet to become familiar with animal agriculture in Nebraska and the region. I am still learning about the diversity of livestock production systems in Nebraska and what we can do to help producers (and processors) enhance the vitality and profitability of their enterprises. I also look forward with eager anticipation to meeting our alumni.



Donald H. Beermann

We are still adjusting to the unexpected death of Dr. Dwane Zimmerman and the absence of daily interactions with him. Dr. Earl Ellington is teaching the Physiology and Management of Reproduction course this spring term, and other faculty are helping bring some of Dr. Zimmerman's unfinished projects to completion. We lost a great teacher and colleague, and we express and extend our sympathies to his family and friends.

The final months of 1999 and the first weeks of 2000 were filled with nine faculty candidate interviews, faculty discussions to chart the future of our swine and beef programs, a faculty retreat at the ARDC, and finalizing plans for our February Open House undergraduate recruitment event. Our "self study" is well under way, but much work remains to prepare for the CSREES external review of our teaching, research and extension programs scheduled for May 30 through June 2, 2000. We are in the midst of building a road map for the future of the department to guide us in providing continued service to clientele and to enhance the effectiveness and impact of what we do in all three missions.

The departure of Tom Long (January 14) and Mark Morrison (January 31) will bring changes at North Platte and Lincoln in the short term, and anticipated retirements of two or three other faculty make planning for the future a critical activity for the long term. The Animal Science

Department is proud of our faculty members and their accomplishments, but we need to dedicate ourselves to continued professional growth and to developing a sense of "community effort" in all that we do. It is my observation as Department Head that we share a sense of urgency, excitement and collegiality in this beginning of a new era in Animal Science at UNL.

One of my goals is to maintain a good balance in our department between the number of faculty who are involved in basic or fundamental research in the disciplines of physiology, nutrition, genetics and meat science and the number of faculty who work to apply the new knowledge that is obtained to improve our management and production systems. Our new reproductive physiologists will use molecular techniques to study fundamental aspects of the biology of reproduction in cattle and swine. Recently, I made an offer to hire a new faculty member who will teach our livestock management and production course and our livestock evaluation course. This new assistant professor also will work with youth and adults in the state in these areas. Very soon, we will begin to interview candidates to fill a new faculty position in functional genomics. We already have several faculty members who maintain a strong genetics program in the department, but the person in this new position will bring new, more sophisticated techniques and abilities to study how gene expression is controlled in important organs and tissues in livestock species. The work of these basic scientists will provide new information and a better understanding of how productive functions such as reproduction, growth, lactation and egg production are controlled at the level of gene expression. As we continue to study the physiological control systems in tissues and organs, we learn that the system is more complex than we anticipated and more work is needed to fully understand the complexities. This information should allow us to develop new and better ways to improve efficiency, profitability and sustainability of beef, swine, dairy and poultry production. Our animal science facility and the University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension Division are dedicated to the task of helping our clientele understand and use this information to their benefit.

I invite you to let us know when you plan to be in Lincoln and to stop in to visit me and others in the department. Until then, best wishes for an enjoyable and fruitful new year.

Don Beermann



## ■ Graduate Program

In the 1999-2000 school year, 78 graduate students are enrolled, down slightly from last year's 81 students. Countries of origin and numbers of graduate students from each are:

Argentina	1	Korea	1
Brazil	1	Mexico	6
Canada	1	Saudi Arabia	3
China	1	South Africa	1
Egypt	2	Taiwan	1
Guatemala	1	Thailand	1
India	2	United States	49
Jordan	1	Venezuela	6

The number of students in each discipline is:

Breeding	21	Physiology	13
Meats	13	Ruminant Nutrition	19
Monogastric Nutrition	12		

## ■ Undergraduate Program

### *Student Ambassadors*

Renee McFee and Lori Watermeier have been selected as the first Animal Science Ambassadors. They will be assisting faculty members in various student recruitment efforts; visiting with prospective students and parents, providing tours, promotional materials, etc. Working with Dr. Gilster, the ambassadors organized a new recruiting activity. Letters were sent to more than 300 high school students who indicated an interest in animal science. The ambassadors and faculty members then personally telephoned each of these students to answer their questions about animal science and to encourage them to continue their education.

## ■ Animal Science Open House

An open house was held February 5, 2000, for high school students who have an interest in animal science at the University of Nebraska. Demonstrations and activities informed prospective students and their parents about the wide variety of career opportunities in animal science. Please contact us if you know of prospective students who would be interested in attending the next open house.

## ■ Academic Quadrathlon Held

Fifteen teams participated in the Quadrathlon this year. The first-place team included Mike Hodges, Chip Johnson, Byron Ford and Keith Placke. The second-place team was

comprised of Dean Lerwick, Joe Baumert, Justin Holl and Tim Schulte. The third-place team was Sheri Colgan, Lori Watermeier, Krista Nollette and Shanna Waterman.

It is worth noting that the third-place team was composed exclusively of freshmen, and this was the first time they had participated in the Academic Quadrathlon.

## ■ Bud Britton Animal Science Golf Classic

Members of the winning team at the Bud Britton Golf Classic Tournament were Ron Christenson, Rob Fischer, Rodger Johnson and Brock Zentz.

## ■ Death

Robert Dwane Zimmerman, professor of Animal Science, passed away November 8 at age 64. Dr. Zimmerman joined the faculty at UNL in 1959 and had planned to retire in January 2000.

Born in Fairview, OK, on November 30, 1934, Dr. Zimmerman received his B.S. from Oklahoma State University in 1952 and his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Wisconsin in 1958 and 1959, respectively, while working as a research assistant in the Genetics Department.

Dr. Zimmerman was a member of Sigma Xi, Alpha Zeta, Gamma Sigma Delta, The American Society of Animal Science (serving as President of the Midwest Section in 1979), The American Association for the Advancement of Science and the Society for Reproduction. He was active in Bluebirds Across Nebraska. He was honored with the UNL Distinguished Teaching Award and the Gamma Sigma Delta Teaching Award. Dr. Zimmerman was instrumental in initiating the first Student Ambassador program in the Animal Science Department.

Dr. Zimmerman is survived by his wife, Mary, son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Iris, sons Clay and David, daughter, Kerry Horner, daughter and son-in-law, Kristy and Brian Roberts, grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



Robert Dwane Zimmerman

## ■ Emeriti Addresses

Elton D. Aberle, 5810 Windsona Circle, Madison, WI 53711  
Charles Adams, 7101 Colby, Lincoln, NE 68505  
Daniel Bigbee, 423 Rogers Drive, Stillwater, OK 74075  
Don Clanton, 27310 Richards Court, Elizabeth, CO 80107



**D. Murray Danielson**, 721 Apache Drive, North Platte, NE 69101  
**Gordon Dickerson**, 6119 Everett, Lincoln, NE 68506  
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**Franklin Eldridge**, 3001 S. 51 St. #3301, Lincoln, NE 68506  
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**Robert Koch**, 6415 Chesterfield Circle, Lincoln, NE 68510  
**Don Kubik**, 568 S. 159th Avenue, Omaha, NE 68118  
**Leo Lucas**, #17 7300 Old Post Road, Lincoln, NE 68506  
**Foster Owen**, 355 Forsythia Court, Auburn, AL 36830  
**Ernie Peo**, 6140 Lexington, Lincoln, NE 68505  
**Tom Sullivan**, 2317 W. 5th Street, Russellville, AR 72801-5540  
**Terry Schrick**, RR 2, Waco, NE 68460  
**John Ward**, 1208 Darlow, McPherson, KS 67460  
**R.B. Warren**, 1339 N. 37th Street, Lincoln, NE 68503  
**Dave Williams**, 1612 N. Park, Grand Island, NE 68803  
**Doyle Wolverton**, 8300 Yankee Hill Road, Lincoln, NE 68516

## ■ Block & Bridle Activities

### BLOCK & BRIDLE HONOREE OF THE YEAR

**David W. Hamilton**

David W. (Dave) Hamilton was born on August 11, 1952. He was raised on a ranch north of Thedford, which was homesteaded in 1898 by his great-grandfather. The ranch evolved from the original 640 acres through the guidance of grandfather, Lloyd, and parents, Reed and Rosa Lee, to the present 10,000 acres of deeded land. Nearly 7,000 acres of leased land completes the ranch unit that supports 1,100 cows and bred heifers today. The ranch is currently a commercial retained ownership business bridging all phases of production, with a carefully managed crossbreeding program designed to fit the resources of the Sandhills.

Dave Hamilton graduated from the University of Nebraska with a B.S. degree in Animal Science (Range Production option) in 1974. Dave was active in the Block and Bridle Club and was committee chairman of numerous events, such as Little Ak-Sar-Ben, Spring Tour, Livestock and Meats Judging Contests and Ham Sales. He was a member of Alpha Zeta and the Junior and Senior Livestock Judging Teams and was active in intramural sports.

After college, Dave married Loretta Doyle of Stapleton, who also graduated from UNL. She was active in the Block and Bridle Club and was elected Block and Bridle Queen in 1975. To that union, four daughters were born: Angela, Christa, Julie and Katherine. Upon returning to the ranch, Dave and Loretta worked to build on the solid foundation of good grassland stewardship established by Dave's father, Reed.

Dave has been active in his community as chairman of the County 4-H Council, chairman of the Extension Board, chairman of his Church Building Committee and chairman of the Thedford High School Board of Education. The Hamilton ranch has been a host to the Nebraska Range Youth Camp for 30 years, where thousands of young people have been welcome to come and learn about range management. Likewise, the Hamiltons have hosted range and pasture management students from the University of Nebraska for 25 years and have contributed greatly to teaching graduate as well as undergraduate students.

Dave's leadership in the Nebraska Stock Growers Association [later to be the Nebraska Cattlemen (NC)] and the Sandhills Cattle Association (SCA) was quickly recognized. He has served four years on the SCA board, eight years on the NC board and has chaired three committees for NC. Dave's leadership also has been recognized nationally as a member of the Cattlemen's Beef Board, having served as chairman of the planning committee, member of the executive committee, and on the transition committee that formed the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. Dave is a member of the Nebraska Cattlemen's "Nebraska Corn Fed Beef" Task Force. In 1992, the Hamiltons were recognized by the National Cattlemen's Beef Association as winners of the Region VII Environmental Stewardship Award.

Dave has spoken at many Nebraska and national meetings on range management, retained ownership and beef production efficiency.

Dave is recognized by his peers as an excellent manager of grass and cattle, a leader in the beef industry, an effective teacher of youth and a true gentleman.

## ■ Past Honorees at Block and Bridle Banquet

The Block and Bridle banquet was honored by the presence of nine honorees.



**Left to Right:** Willard Waldo, Dave Hamilton, Robert Ahlschwede, R.B. Warren, Harry Hart, Richard Shinn, Roger Wehrbein, Robert Volk and Harold Stevens.



## ■ Officers for Fall 1999

President - Bob Lantis  
Vice President - Josh Gossman  
Secretary - Hilary Esch  
Treasurer - Renee McFee  
News Reporter - Gail Anderson  
Historian - Valerie Brauner  
Assistant Historian - Sarah Finkhouse  
Marshal - Sara Rasmussen  
Assistant Marshal - Brian Wray  
Program Chair - Rosemary Vinton  
Ambassador - Matt Rasmussen

## ■ Activities for 1999-00

Prairie Stomp	
Balloon Sales	
Little Ak-Sar-Ben	October 1
Fall Kids' Day	November 3
Little MAEC-Market-Breeding	November 30
Christmas Lunch	December 10
Spring Kids' Day	March 2
Big Red Beef Show & Symposium	March 18-19
National Meetings	March 25
Little MAEC-Meats	March 28
State Ag Ed Contests	April 6-7
AQHA Horse Show	April 23
Honors Banquet	April 28

## ■ Recent Department Awards and Recognitions

### *Faculty*

**Mary Beck** - Helene Cecil Leadership Award  
**Don Beermann** - President of American Society of Animal Science, Graduate College Faculty Fellow  
**Mike Brumm** - American Society of Animal Science Animal Management Award, NE Community College Agricultural Advisory Committee's Hall of Honor, Distinguished Extension Specialist Award  
**Dennis Burson** - Elected Reciprocal Meat Conference Director  
**Chris Calkins** - Reciprocal Meat Conference Signal Service Award  
**Edd Clemens, Keith Gilster, Phil Miller and Dwane Zimmerman** - Certificate of Recognition for Contributions to Students  
**Jim Gosey** - Promoted to Professor

**Rodger Johnson** - Oklahoma State University Animal Science Advanced Degree Graduate of Distinction Award  
**Roger Mandigo** - Wendell Burgher Beef Industry Award  
**Merlyn Nielsen** - American Society of Animal Science Animal Breeding and Genetics Award  
**Ivan Rush and Don Huls** - Integrated Resource Management Retained Ownership Program Award  
**Rick Rasby** - Graduate College Faculty Fellow  
**Sheila Scheideler** - Promoted to Professor  
**Dale Van Vleck** - American Society of Animal Science Fellow at Large Award

### *Graduate Students*

**Mark Allan** - Ethan Sims Young Scientist Award, North American Association for Study of Obesity  
**Jesus Arango** - Ned S. and Esther B. Raun Graduate Fellowship  
**Galen Erickson** - Farmers National Company Fellowship, Holling Family Teaching Assistant Teaching Excellence Award, John Hallman Memorial Award  
**Dana Hanson** - Farmers National Company Fellowship  
**Nancy Jerez** - Reciprocal Meat Conference - Second place, M.S. poster paper competition  
**Diane Moody** - UNL Folsom Doctoral Dissertation Award  
**Curtis Novak** - Continental Grain Graduate Scholarship, Farmers National Company Fellowship  
**James Rhea** - Honors Student Research Project funding  
**Janice Rumph** - Frank Baker Graduate Student Essay Award

### *Undergraduate Students*

**Joseph Baumert** - Loeffel Scholarship, American Society of Animal Science Scholastic Award, Meat Industry Suppliers Association (MISA) Scholarship  
**Jeff Brakenhoff, Tirsten Brockmeier, Lisa Eggleston, Jeff Graham, Cynthia Grapes, Nicole John, Kelly Jordan, Hope Lerch-Bunn, Todd Longfellow, Doug Parde, Brent Pohlmann, Becky Schuerman and Cindy Zimmerman** - American Society of Animal Science Scholastic Award  
**Sheryl Colgan** - Coca-Cola Scholarship  
**Travis Chrisman** - American Society of Animal Science Scholastic Award, Rockwell Scholarship  
**Sarah Finkhouse and Dan Longfellow** - Thompson Scholarship

**Byron Ford**, American Society of Animal Science Scholastic Award, Peterson Award

**Justin Holl** - American Society of Animal Science Scholastic Award, Loeffel Scholarship, Peterson Award

**Jeremy Martin and Josh Vogel** - Winkler Award

**Cynthia Grapes and Pat McInteer** - Stephens Scholarship

**Joy Hlavac and Mike Hodges** - Derrick Award

**Nicole John** - Rockwell Scholarship

**Doyle Leefers and Doug Setlik** - Franke Award

**Dean Lerwick** - Nutrition Service Associates Scholarship

**Renee McFee** - Raun Scholarship, American Society of Animal Science Scholastic Award

**Jennifer Mentink** - Chicago Mercantile Exchange Beef Industry Scholarship

**Douglas Parde** - Wake Scholarship

**Tanya Plueger** - Card Award

**Garrett Pohlman** - R. Boeckenhauer Scholarship

**Brent Pohlmann** - Baltzell Scholarship

**Sara Rasmussen** - Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation Scholarship

**Brian Shaw** - Hathaway Scholarship, Highest Grade Point Average

**Roxanne Schutz** - Doane Scholarship

**Jeff Sindelar** - Reciprocal Meat Conference Undergraduate Travel Grant

**Rosemary Vinton** - American Breeders Service Scholarship

**Barry Weber** - M. Boeckenhauer Scholarship

## ■ Staff

### *Departmental Service Awards*

**30 years:** Earl Ellington, Ivan Rush, Terry Schrick

**20 years:** Dennis Brink, Gene Deutscher, Rodger Johnson, Don Levis, Kaye Peterson, Bruce Treffer

**15 years:** Elton Aberle, Doug Rudeen

**10 years:** Ed Grotjan, Janet Hyde, Tom McGargill, Calvin Schrock, Dale Van Vleck

**5 years:** Ken Cejka, Dan Herold, Erin Marotz, Lyle Robeson, Ken Sweet

## ■ Judging Team Activities

### *1999 Livestock Judging Team*



**Front Row (L-R):** Greg Koinzen, Neligh; Josh Vogel, Norfolk; Kris Grage, Waverly. **Back Row (L-R):** Jeremy Martin, Lexington; Garrett Pohlman, Norfolk; David Wilke, Columbus; Jaime Huston, Emmet; Don Beermann, Department Head.

### *1999 Meat Animal Evaluation Team*



**Front Row (L-R):** Karen Killinger, Coach; Michael Zwingman, Tilden; Megan Patent, Randolph; Leah Boeckenhauer, Wood Lake. **Back Row (L-R):** Keith E. Gilster, Coach; Travis Paulson, Fremont; Craig Dick, Geneva; Bryan Helms, Arapahoe; Jesse Sitz, Burwell.

At the United National Collegiate Meat Animal Evaluation Contest in St. Joseph, MO, the 1999 University of Nebraska Meat Animal Evaluation Team placed 10th Overall, 7th in Market, 8th in Breeding, 13th in Meats, 10th in Cattle, 9th in Hogs, 8th in Sheep and 8th in Communication. Travis Paulson placed 3rd in Market. Jesse Sitz placed 13th in Breeding and 20th in Cattle. There were 101 students and 13 teams that participated.



The Northwestern Meat Animal Evaluation Contest in Laramie, WY, was host to 49 students and 7 teams. The University of Nebraska Meat Animal Evaluation Team placed 5th Overall, 4th in Market, 7th in Breeding and 4th in Meats. Leah Boeckenhauer was 13th in Market and 19th Overall. Travis Paulson was 7th in Market, 7th in Meats and 12th Overall. Jesse Sitz was 19th in Market, 18th in Breeding, 12th in Meats and 15th Overall. Mike Zwingman was 18th in Meats.

#### 1999 Meats Team



**Front Row (L-R):** Chad Adams, Broken Bow; Steve Coufal, Howells; Will Jordan, Broken Bow. **Back Row (L-R):** Dennis Burson, Faculty Advisor; Ryan Baumert, Coach; Robert Heath, Kearney; Don Beermann, Department Head.

The 1999 Senior Meats Judging Team participated in three contests this fall. The team placed 8th Overall at the Iowa State Invitational. At the American Royal Contest, the team placed 10th Overall with Steve Coufal placing 10th in Beef Grading. The team placed 12th Overall at the International Meats Contest. Steve Coufal placed 3rd in Beef Grading and 5th in Total Beef. Will Jordan placed 1st in Placing Classes and 7th in Total Beef.

#### ■ Animal Science Newsletter Nationally Recognized

We are pleased to receive national recognition for our newsletter. It placed second in 1998 and third in 1999 in national competition in an event sponsored annually by the National Agricultural Alumni and Development Association (NAADA). This competition involves all agricultural departments' newsletters from land-grant institutions.

#### ■ Your Newsletter Committee

Earl Ellington, Chair, Dennis Brink and Duane Reese serve as the current departmental newsletter committee. The Animal Science Department has a long history of providing an annual newsletter to its alumni and friends. Each year we hear words of satisfaction from several of you. We certainly want not only news items and articles from you but also any comments on how we might improve the newsletter. We sincerely hope that you find this one to be interesting and informative.

#### ■ Alumni News

**CALL FOR INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR 2001 ISSUE OF THE ANIMAL SCIENCE ALUMNI NEWSLETTER.** All of us enjoy learning about classmates and other alumni from the Animal Science Department, so we are asking you to send us some information about yourself for the next issue of our alumni newsletter. You might include memorable events from your college days, such as classes, club activities, employment, teachers and friends you would like to hear about. You might also include what you have been doing since leaving campus, such as employment (when and where), participation in community activities, hobbies and other personal details that may be of interest.

#### *Brian Shaw Recognized as a First-Team GTE Academic All-American*

Brian Shaw, a recent Animal Science/Agricultural Economics graduate and linebacker for the Husker football team, was recognized as a First-Team GTE Academic All-American. Brian graduated in December 1999, with a 4.0 grade point average. Nebraska leads the nation with 168 Academic All-Americans.

#### *Wehrbein Ag Hall of Achievement Honoree*

Roger Wehrbein of Plattsmouth, a farmer, feeder, dairy and livestock producer, chairman of the Nebraska Legislature's Appropriations Committee and a 1960 graduate of the University of Nebraska College of Agriculture, has been named the Nebraska Hall of Agricultural Achievement's 104th honoree.

Wehrbein was elected to the Legislature in 1986 and has been re-elected three times. He is credited with leading efforts last session to allocate \$250,000 more for NU research on E. coli in beef, in addition to supporting other legislation over the years benefitting agriculture.



## **Roger Chesley Named Nebraska Grazing Lands Coalition Coordinator**

Roger Chesley, a 1970 Animal Science graduate, has been selected as coordinator for the Nebraska Grazing Lands Coalition. Roger, his wife, Marion, and two children manage a cow/calf operation and harvest about 400 acres of alfalfa annually. He has more than 20 years of experience with the Nebraska Cattlemen in various offices and currently serves on the advisory board of UNL Sandhills Gudmundsen Ranch. The Coalition's eventual goal is 26 million acres of grazing lands in Nebraska.

### **1930s**

**Richard E. Spangler**, 249 Stagecoach Road, Arroyo Grande, CA 93420, is retired and enjoys playing golf and bridge. He and his wife, Margie, are also active in church activities and are planning to spend most of September in Nebraska where they will attend a couple of football games and visit with Bob Pothwell and Burr Ross, former animal science majors.

**Earl C. Hedlund**, 3613 Sprucedale Drive, Annandale, VA 22003-1948, email: echudlund@aol.com. Earl spent 35 years in the Air Force and is a retired Lt. General. Earl graduated in 1938, during the Depression. He specialized in animal science and agricultural economics. Duane belonged to FarmHouse Fraternity and the meat judging team. In 1936, he was the top man on the team that was winner of the American Royal, Kansas City, MO. His career took him to several management and research positions, including professor, Virginia Community College, University of British Columbia, Vancouver British Columbia, Canada. Earl and his wife have six children, all college graduates. His wife was an outstanding Iowa State graduate.

### **1940s**

**Milton A. Olson**, 64334 E. Orangewood Lane, Tucson, AZ 85739-1011, email: mhermet@aol.com. Milton retired from farming and the irrigation business in 1980 and moved to a retirement area in Northwest Arkansas (Bella Vista) where he and his wife became involved in Habitat for Humanity. They moved to Tucson, AZ in 1997 and live in a retirement area called Saddlebrooke, which is located about 12 miles north of Tucson. He is active with the Rotary Club and enjoys working in his garden.

**Randall A. Pratt**, 4340 Paoa Ave., Apt 20A, Honolulu, HI 96816, is retired after working as an agency manager for Sun Life Assurance Co. of Canada for 30 years and Standard Insurance Co. at Portland, OR for 10 years. His wife Charlotte and he have three children and four grandchildren. They returned to Rising City this year for his 60th high school graduation reunion. They plan to do a lot of traveling and returned recently from a trip to Taiwan, Bangkok, Hong Kong and mainland China.

### **1950s**

**Ivan G. Althouse, M.D.**, 1573A McKinley Road, Napa, CA 94558, is semi-retired from private practice of family medicine and resides outside Napa, where he grows grapes. Ivan still practices family medicine, filling in for doctors when they are out of town. He was instrumental in organizing several Rotary Clubs, serving as the first president of each. He has a son and daughter and five grandchildren.

### **1970s**

**Bernard H. (Bernie) Burgess**, 1508 Alger Ave., Cody, WY 82414, email: bburgess@wyoming.com. Bernie owns Success Concepts Publishing and is author of *What's Holding you Back?* He is also owner of House of Burgess bed and breakfast in Cody, WY, plus Burgess Developments, an Internet franchising business. He is working on his second book.

**Chuck Kleeb**, Route 3, Box 190, Broken Bow, NE 68822, email: kleebcd@midlands.net.

**Dale A. Grosbach**, 4001 NE 59<sup>th</sup> Terrace, Gladstone, MO 64119, email: grosda@yahoo.com. Dale and his wife, Deborah, live in the Kansas City area and have three children. For 15 years following his graduation, he worked in the animal livestock industry in technical, marketing and sales positions with CENEX, American Cyanamid and Farmland Industries. In 1995, he became employed in the information technology industry and is now Senior Consultant for Prism Consulting Group of Overland, KS, working with the SAP business software, the world leader in integrated business software. His work involves travel all over the United States, the United Kingdom and Germany.

### **1980s**

**Lynn Schlake**, Box 75, Firth, NE 68358, email: laschlak@sccm.cc.ne.us. Lynn is an animal science instructor, a livestock judging team coach, and Ag Department Chair at Southeast Community College, Beatrice, NE. Lynn remains active in 4-H and FFA activities.



**Cheryl A. Gerdes**, 3501 Otoe St., Lincoln, NE 68506, is Regional Director for Ameritas Variable Life Insurance Company. Cheryl's territory consists of Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota and North Dakota, working with registered representatives, agents and brokers who sell variable life and variable annuities.

**Richard M. Klein**, 7706 Cashland Court, Alexandria, VA 22315, email: prklein1@juno.com. Upon graduation, Richard was commissioned as an officer in the Air Force where he remained for eight years before separation in 1992. He was then hired back into the Air Force as a civilian working with personnel issues at the Air Staff level in the Pentagon. Richard married Penny Johnson (Potsdam University) in 1993 and they have two children.

**Lee Schroeder**, 223 4<sup>th</sup> Road, Howells, NE 68641, email: schroede@gilligan.esu7.k12.ne.us. Lee has been teaching and coaching wrestling at Howells High School since May 1984. He and his wife, Tammy, have twin sons born May 3, 1996. His two children by a previous marriage also live with them. Lee and his son, Brett, have a small herd of Shorthorn cattle. The Schroeders live on an acreage north of Howells.

**Joanne (Beckman) Streit**, 1004 Evans, P.O. Box 308, Gowrie, IA 50543, phone: (515) 352-3611. Joanne went to Shappard AFB, Texas, for training as a hospital lab technician following graduation. Then she moved to Hamilton, Montana, working for Ribi Immuno Chem in research and quality control. She transferred to Fort Dodge Laboratories, working in quality control-virology and later was promoted to assistant manager in charge of operational procedures for the department as well as company procedures. Currently, Joanne is at home raising two sons and doing bookkeeping for her husband Kenny's construction business.

**Gerald L. Walker**, 17480 Jones Road, Peyton, CO 80831, email: gwalker@newsham.com. Gerald is manager-technical support and nutrition for Newsham Hybrids in Colorado Springs, CO.

## 1990s

**Ron Kean**, P.O. Box 178, New Glarus, WI 53574, email: rpkean@facstaff.wisc.edu. Ron is a lecturer at the Department of Animal Science, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI. Ron and Jean Schemenauer were married May 29, 1999, in Chippewa Falls, WI.

**Michael E. Scholz**, 15855 Bobwhite Trail, Crete, NE 68333, FAX: (402) 826-4832. Mike is an area manager in Southeast Nebraska for Van Diest Supply Co., working from his home, calling on retail outlets in the wholesale Ag. Chemical Division. He and his wife, Pam, who have been married for five years, have two sons, and live on an acreage 2 1/2 miles east of Crete on Hwy. 33 where they are busy with yard landscaping.

**Nancy J. (Olson) Garrelts**, Route 2, Box 235, Holdrege, NE 68949, email: ngarrelts@nebi.com. Nancy is self-employed as an attorney in general practice in Holdrege. She is married and has one daughter. She continues to be involved with the family farm and feedlot. She got her law degree from UNL in 1994.

**Lisa Ternus**, 1000 Michael Road, Manhattan, KS 66502, email: lkt5853@ksu.edu. Lisa is currently a veterinary student at Kansas State University, class of 2001.

**Melissa Rae Girard**, Grand Island Animal Medical Clinic, 1718 S. Webb Road, Grand Island, NE 68810, phone: (308) 382-6330. Melissa graduated from Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine in May 1999 and is working in a small animal practice.

## ■ Animal Science Department Web Site

Visit the Animal Science Department at its Web site: [www.ianr.unl.edu/ianr/anisci/anscdept.htm](http://www.ianr.unl.edu/ianr/anisci/anscdept.htm).



## ■ Calendar of Events for 1999 - 2000

### *Beef*

- \*IRM Conference - November 2000 - Location TBA
- \*Nebraska Cattlemen Convention, Dec. 8-10, 1999, Lincoln
- \*Four-State Range Cow Symposium - Dec. 14-16, 1999, Greeley, CO
- \*4-State Beef Conference - Jan. 12, Tecumseh
- \*Beef 706 Course - Feb. 8-10 and Aug. 15-17, contact Nebraska Beef Council - (800) 421-5326
- \*Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic - Feb. 15-20, Kearney
- \*Feedlot Roundtable - Feb. 24, Grand Island
- \*UNL Bull Sale - Saturday, April 22, 2000, 1:00, Animal Science Building, Lincoln

### *Dairy*

- \*Area Dairy Days: Covering IANR research in genetics, management, economics and nutrition.
  - Feb. 14 York
  - Feb. 15 West Point
  - Feb. 16 Beatrice
  - Feb. 17 Hartington
  - Feb. 18 O'Neill

### *Horse*

- \*Horsin Around - Feb. 12-13, Animal Science Arena, UNL
- \*State 4-H Horse Exposition - July 16-20, Grand Island

### *Swine*

- \*2000 Pork Exposition - Feb. 2-3, Columbus Ag Park
- \*Troubleshooting Swine Reproductive Problems
  - Feb. 15 - West Point Courthouse - 7:00
  - Apr. 5 - Humphrey City Hall - 7:00
- \*Environmental Assurance Program
  - Jan. 27 - Fairground 4-H Bldg., Imperial
- \*Composting as a Method of Disposal of Dead Pigs
  - Jan. 18 - VFW, Crete - 1:00
  - Jan. 25 - West Point Courthouse - 10:00
  - Feb. 8 - Beatrice Extension Office Mtg Rm - 1:00
- \*My Future in Pork
  - Feb. 8 - West Point Courthouse - 7:00
  - Feb. 15 - Ord Fairgrounds - 10:00
  - Feb. 25 - Seward Extension Office - 10:00
  - Mar. 22 - Imperial Fairgrounds 4-H Bldg. - 9:30
  - Mar. 29 - Albion Knights of Columbus Hall - 9:30
- \*Pork Production - Long Term
  - Jan. 11 - Neligh Courthouse - 7:00
  - Jan. 18 - Crete VFW - 9:30
  - Feb. 15 - Ord Fairgrounds - 1:00
  - Feb. 22 - West Point Courthouse - 7:00
  - Feb. 25 - Seward Extension Office - 1:00
  - Mar. 22 - Imperial Fairgrounds 1:00

### *Poultry*

- \*Midwest Poultry Federation Trade Show and Education Workshops - March 14-16, St. Paul, MN
- \*Nebraska Poultry Industries Annual Convention - March 29-30, Columbus

### *Other*

- \*Animal Science Honors Banquet - Friday, April 28, Lincoln
- \*AK-SAR-BEN Livestock Exposition - Sept. 19-25, Omaha



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